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Request for Reconsideration as to Finality of Office Action of
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request the removal of the prior Final Rejection. Applicants believe that the Examiner has submitted new grounds of rejection for at least claim 1.

The original Office Action was issued by the Examiner on November 5, 2004, and rejected claims 1, 2, 6, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Grabbe et al and claim 3 was rejected as anticipated by Harper, Jr., et al. (See Office Action Dated November 5, 2004.).

Applicants' response dated February 7, 2005 amends claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 2 and 3, and claims 2 and 3 were cancelled. More particularly claim 2, which depended from claim 1, included the further limitation that the insulative member is attached to the metal contact. Claim 3, which depended from claim 2, included the further limitation that the insulative member is overmolded on the metal contact. Both of these limitations now exist in present independent claim 1.

In the present Final Office Action dated March 14, 2005, the Examiner has now changed the rejection of claim (previous claim 3), from a rejection anticipated by Harper, Jr., et al., such that he has now rejected claim 1 as being anticipated by Sinclair.

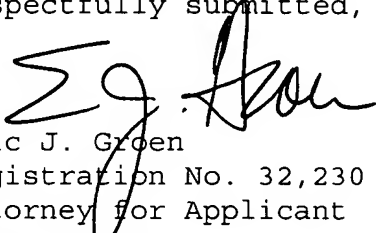
In the Office Action dated November 5, 2004, claim 3 was rejected as anticipated under 35 USC § 102 (b) by Harper, Jr., et al. No other rejection was made of claim 3, nor was Sinclair ever used in a rejection at all. Thus, the exact same claim (originally filed claim 3) and present

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claim 1, were separately rejected under different references, and thus the Examiner has entered a new grounds of rejection.

Accordingly, as the Examiner introduced a new ground of rejection for claim 1 that was not necessitated by an amendment of the claims by the Applicants nor based upon information submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed during the period set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c), the Final Office Action was premature. M.P.E.P. § 706.07(a).

Respectfully submitted,



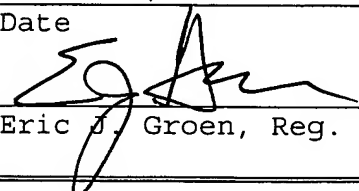
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